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SUBJECT: DANISH MILITARY MISSION IN WEST BERLIN

REF: BONN 20834

1. ON JAN 7 I RAISED WITH MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN THE CONCERN AMB HILLENBRAND HAD EXPRESSED TO HIS DANISH COLLEAGUE IN BONN REGARDING REPORTS THAT THE DANES MIGHT BE DOWNGRADING THEIR MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN (REFTTEL). JORGENSEN SAID HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND HAD FACED IT WHEN HE WAS DANISH AMBASSADOR IN BONN PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS PRESENT DUTIES IN FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID THE DANISH DECISION NOT TO REPLACE SCAVENIUS, THE PRESENT RESIDENT DEPUTY HEAD OF THE DANISH MISSION IN BERLIN, WAS TAKEN EXCLUSIVELY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, I.E. SAVE MONEY. JOREGENSEN DENIED THAT IT WAS DANISH INTENTION TO DOWNGRADE LEVEL OF DANISH MISSION IN BERLIN.HE POINTED OUT THAT THE
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HEAD OF THE DANISH MISSION IN BERLIN REMAINS THE DANISH

AMBASSADOR IN BONN. NOW, INSTEAD OF HAVING A RESIDENT
DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION IN BERLIN, THE NUMBER TWO IN THE DANISH
EMBASSY IN BONN HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY HEAD OF
MISSION IN BERLIN. HENCE AS DANES SEE IT, THEY ARE NOT
DOWNGRADING LEVEL OF THEIR REPRESENTATION, BUT MERELY REDUCING
SIZE OF THEIR RESIDENT STAFF IN BERLIN. IN ANY CASE, HE
POINTED OUT RESIDENT DANISH CONSUL AND COMMERCIAL
SECRETARY WOULD REMAIN IN BERLIN.

2. COMMENT: I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT DANISH DECISION CAN BE
REVERSED. PERHAPS BEST WAY FOR US TO LIMIT ADVERSE IMPACT ON OTHER
ALLIED COUNTRIES CAUSED BY DANISH ECNOMY-DICTATED ACTION IS TO
URGE DANISH AMBASSADOR IN BONN AND HIS DEPUTY TO TRAVEL AS
OFTEN AS POSSIBLE TO BERLIN IN ORDER TO EXERCISE THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES AS HEAD AND DEPUTYHEAD OF THE DANISH
MISSION IN BERLIN.
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